

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is the home of Marie LaFortune, and we are richer because Marie lives among us; and,

*Whereas*, Marie Morse was born on March 31, 1910, to George and Brigett (McWhinney) Morse in Huron, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Marie married Lionel LaFortune on January 9, 1946, at St. Martins Church in Huron, South Dakota. They farmed west of Highmore until retirement and moved to Highmore where Marie still lives; and,

*Whereas*, Marie will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on March 28, 2010, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Highmore, South Dakota, to honor and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:


*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2010, as

### *MARIE LaFORTUNE DAY*


in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State